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"How can we evaluate Muhammad and what he did? For Muslims he has always been the exemplar of Muslim virtues, such as piety, patience, humor, kindness, generosity, and sobriety. Non Muslim westerners, recalling Christian battles and disputations with Islam, have often judged him harshly. These different assessments remind us that observant Jews and sincere Christians do not believe, as Muslims must, that Muhammad was obeying God's commands as revealed to him by the Angel Gabriel."

- Arthur Goldschmidt Jr., Lawrence Davidson

(A Concise History of the Middle East)

Preface

The above quote discusses a very important issue, how can an unbiased person form a neutral opinion about Prophet Muhammed ^{pbuh}? The primary difficulty lies in the fact that he sees two diametrically opposite views. First, the Muslim - which regards him to be the best and perfect in every sense because he is the final prophet of God. Second, the western - which has adopted a staunch anti-Islamic stand due to paranoia. So, what's the middle way?

This book is a humble effort to answer that question. A compilation of opinions of world famous non-Muslim scholars, thinkers, philosophers, scientists and statesmen across continents and thorough several centuries in history. So much so that, this includes a few famous 'Hate Islam' writers too. But, interestingly, each one of them had mountain like admiration for Muhammed ^{pbuh}. However, the Muslims aren't much surprised about his superlative traits simply because it's easy for God to bestow the best of the qualities upon His final and chosen prophet.

You are welcome to go through this rare collection of opinions. May God Almighty guide us all. Aameen.

Asifuddin Muhammed

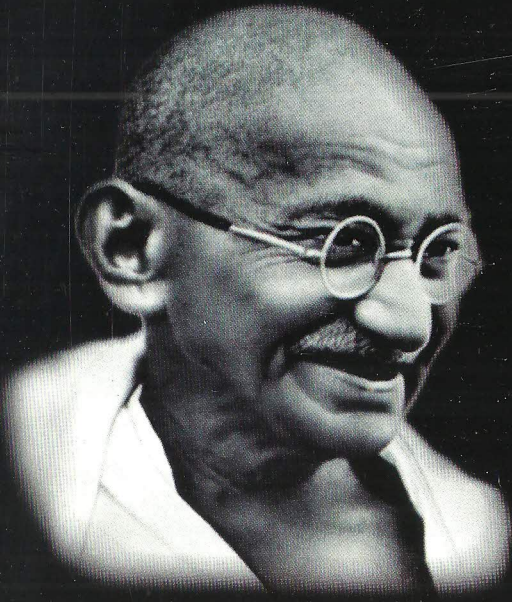
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Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

Loved by Indians and called as 'Father of the Nation' for his contributions to Indian independence. He inspired several non violent movements across the world.

Not Any Sword But Great Leadership

"I wanted to know the best of the life of one who holds today an undisputed sway over the hearts of millions of mankind.... I became more than ever convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days in the scheme of life. It was the rigid simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the Prophet the scrupulous regard for pledges, his intense devotion to his friends and followers, his intrepidity, his fearlessness, his absolute trust in God and in his own mission. These and not the sword carried everything before them and surmounted every obstacle. When I closed the second volume (of the Prophet's biography), I was sorry there was not more for me to read of that great life".

Young India



Sir George Bernard Shaw

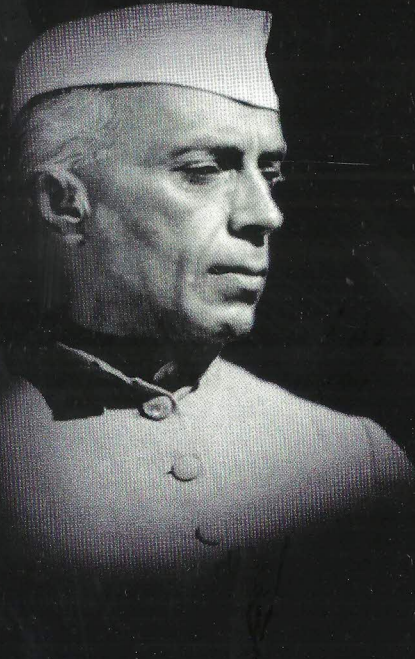
An Irish playwright and a co-founder of the London School of Economics. He is the only person to have been awarded both an Oscar and a Nobel Prize for Literature.

The Saviour of Humanity

"The world is in dire need of a man with the mind of Muhammad; religious people in the Middle-Ages, due to their ignorance and prejudice, had pictured him in a very dark way as they used to consider him the enemy of Christianity. But after looking into the story of this man I found it to be an amazing and a miraculous one and I came to the conclusion that he was never an enemy of Christianity, and must be called instead the savior of humanity. In my opinion, if he was to be given control over the world today, he would solve our problems and secure the peace and happiness which the world is longing for."

"I have always held the religion of Muhammad in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which appears to me to possess that assimilating capacity to the changing phase of existence which can make itself appeal to every age. I have studied him - the wonderful man and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ, he must be called the Savior of Humanity"

The Genuine Islam



Jawaharlal Nehru

President of Indian National Congress and
The First Prime Minister of India

Taught Equality And Democracy

"Like the founders of some other religions, Mohammad was a rebel against many of the existing social customs. The religion he preached, by its simplicity and directness and its flavour of democracy and equality, appealed to the masses in the neighbouring countries that had been ground down long enough by autocratic kings and equally autocratic and domineering priests".

Glimpses of World History



Alphonse de LaMartaine

He was a French writer, poet and politician who was instrumental in the foundation of the Second Republic.

The Greatest Person

"If greatness of purpose, smallness of means, and astonishing results are the three criteria of a human genius, who could dare compare any great man in history with Muhammad? The most famous men created arms, laws, and empires only. They founded, if anything at all, no more than material powers which often crumbled away before their eyes. This man moved not only armies, legislations, empires, peoples, dynasties, but millions of men in one-third of the then inhabited world; and more than that, he moved the altars, the gods, the religions, the ideas, the beliefs and the souls."

Historie De La Turquie



Swami Vivekananda

Famous Philosopher and Preacher of
modern India, Founder of
Ramakrishna Mission and Ramakrishna Math

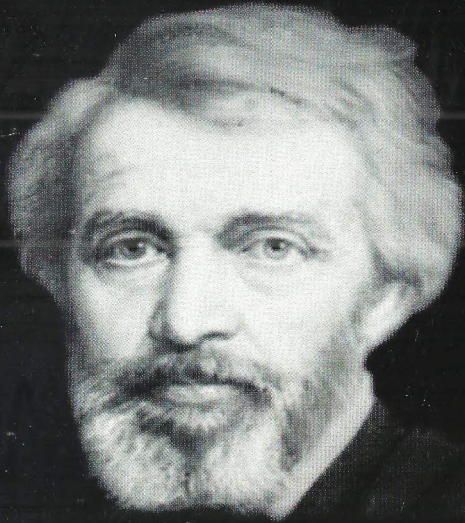
Taught Love and Equality

"The Hindus may get the credit of arriving at it earlier than other races, they being an older race than either the Hebrew or the Arab; yet practical Advaitism, which looks upon and behaves to all mankind as one's own soul, was never developed among the Hindus universally. On the other hand, my experience is that if ever any religion approached to this equality in an appreciable manner, it is Islam and Islam alone.

Therefore I am firmly persuaded that without the help of practical Islam, theories of Vedantism, however fine and wonderful they may be, are entirely valueless to the vast mass of mankind."

"(Islam) came as a message for the masses. The first message was equality. There is one religion - love. No more question of race, colour, (or) anything else. Join it! That practical quality carried the day. The great message was perfectly simple. Believe in one God, the creator of heaven and earth. All was created out of nothing by Him. Ask no questions."

Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda



Thomas Carlyle

A Scottish writer, essayist, historian and teacher during the Victorian era.

The Hero Prophet

"It is a great shame for anyone to listen to the accusation that Islam is a lie and that Muhammad was a fabricator and a deceiver. We saw that he remained steadfast upon his principles, with firm determination; kind and generous, compassionate, pious, virtuous, with real manhood, hardworking and sincere. Besides all these qualities, he was lenient with others, tolerant, kind, cheerful and praiseworthy and perhaps he would joke and tease his companions. He was just, truthful, smart, pure, magnanimous and present-minded; his face was radiant as if he had lights within him to illuminate the darkest of nights; he was a great man by nature who was not educated in a school nor nurtured by a teacher as he was not in need of any of this"

"His Simplicity: No Emperor with his tiaras was obeyed as this man in a cloak of his own clothing. During three and twenty years of rough actual trial, I find something of a veritable Hero necessary for that, of itself"

Heroes, Hero Worship and the Heroic in History

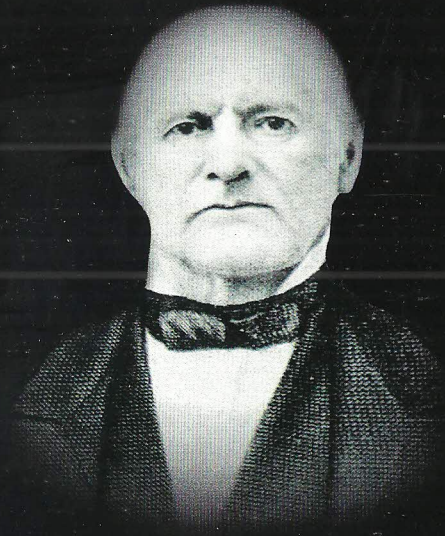
Hero In Every Dimension

"The personality of Mohammad! It is most difficult to get into the truth of it. Only a glimpse of it I can catch. What a dramatic succession of picturesque scenes. There is Mohammad the Prophet, there is Mohammad the General; Mohammad the King; Mohammad the Warrior; Mohammad the Businessman; Mohammad the Preacher; Mohammad the Philosopher; Mohammad the Statesman; Mohammad the Orator; Mohammad the reformer; Mohammad the Refuge of orphans; Mohammad the Protector of slaves; Mohammad the Emancipator of women; Mohammad the Law-giver; Mohammad the Judge; Mohammad the Saint. And in all these magnificent roles, in all these departments of human activities, he is like, a hero...."

Mohammad: The Prophet of Islam



Prof K S Ramakrishna Rao
Professor of Philosophy,
University of Mysore, India.



Reverend Bosworth Smith

An American Protestant Episcopal Bishop

Humble In High And Low

"Head of the State as well as the Church, he was Caesar and Pope in one; but he was Pope without the Pope's pretensions, and Caesar without the legions of Caesar, without a standing army, without a bodyguard, without a police force, without a fixed revenue. If ever a man ruled by a right Divine, it was Muhammad, for he had all the powers without their supports. He cared not for the dressings of power."

"On the whole, the wonder is not how much but how little, under different circumstances, Muhammad differed from himself. In the shepherd of the desert, in the Syrian trader, in the solitary of Mount Hira, in the reformer in the minority of one, in the exile of Madinah, in the acknowledged conqueror, in the equal of the Persian Chosroes and the Greek Heraclius, we can still trace substantial unity. I doubt whether any other man whose external conditions changed so much, ever himself changed less to meet them"

Muhammad and Muhammadanism



Annie Besant

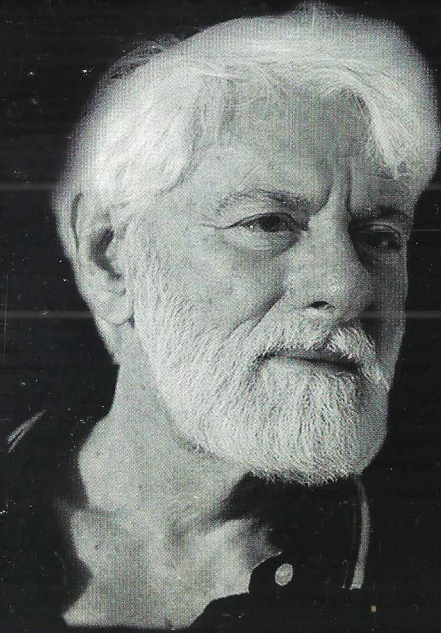
A prominent British Theosophist, Women's rights activist, Writer, Orator and President of the Indian National Congress.

Great Messenger Of God

"It is impossible for anyone who studies the personality of the great Prophet of the Arabs, and come to know how this prophet used to live, and how he taught the people, but to feel respect towards this honorable prophet; one of the great messengers whom Allah sent".

"His readiness to undergo persecution for his beliefs, the high moral character of the men who believed in him and looked up to him as leader, and the greatness of his ultimate achievement all argue his fundamental integrity. To suppose Muhammed an impostor raises more problems than it solves. Moreover, none of the great figures of history is so poorly appreciated in the West as Muhammed."

The Life and Teaching of Muhammed



Uri Avnery

Israeli writer, Member of Knesset and
Founder of Gush Shalom Peace Movement

Gave Safety And Freedom To Minorities

"Muslim Spain was a paradise for the Jews, and there has never been a Jewish Holocaust in the Muslim world. Even pogroms were extremely rare. Muhammad decreed that the 'Peoples of the Book' (Jews and Christians) be treated tolerantly, subject to conditions that were incomparably more liberal than those in contemporary Europe. "The Muslims never imposed their religion by force on Jews and Christians, as shown by the fact that almost all the Jews expelled from Catholic Spain settled in the Muslim countries and flourished there. After centuries of Muslim rule, Greeks and Serbs remained thoroughly Christian."

Anti Semitism: A Practical Manual



Samuel Parsons Scott

British Historian and Author

Indeed An Apostle Of God

"The glories which invest the history of Islam may be entirely derived from the valor, the virtue, the intelligence, the genius, of man. If this be conceded, the largest measure of credit is due to him who conceived its plan, promoted its impulse, and formulated the rules which insured its success. In any event, if the object of religion be the inculcation of morals, the diminution of evil, the promotion of human happiness, the expansion of the human intellect, if the performance of good works will avail in the great day when mankind shall be summoned to its final reckoning it is neither irreverent nor unreasonable to admit that Muhammad was indeed an Apostle of God."

History of the Moorish Empire in Europe



Justice Pierre Craibites

Famous American Jurist and
Chief Judge at International Court of Justice

Greatest Champion of Women's Rights

"Mohammad was probably the greatest champion of women's rights the world has ever seen."

"Muhammad's outstanding contribution to the cause of women, resides in the property rights that he conferred upon the wives of his people. The juridical status of a wife, is so technical a term may be pardoned, is exactly the same as that of a husband. The Moslem spouse in so far as her property is concerned, is as free as a bird. The Law permits her to do with her financial assets whatever she pleases without consulting her consort. In such matters he has no greater rights than would have any perfect stranger.

A wife technically speaking, does not even take her husband's name. A Moslem girl born Aisha bint Omar (Aisha daughter of Omar) may marry ten times, but her individuality is not absorbed by that of her various husbands. She is not a moon that shines through reflected light. She is a star planet, with a name and a legal personality of her own"

Things Muhammad Did For Women

**Edward Montet**

French Historian

Highly Rationalistic Teacher

"Islam is a religion that is essentially rationalistic in the widest sense of this term considered etymologically and historically... the teachings of the Prophet, the Qur'an has invariably kept its place as the fundamental starting point, and the dogma of unity of God has always been proclaimed therein with a grandeur and majesty, an invariable purity and with a note of sure conviction, which it is hard to find surpassed outside the pale of Islam.... A creed so precise, so stripped of all theological complexities and consequently so accessible to the ordinary understanding might be expected to possess and does indeed possess a marvelous power of winning its way into the consciences of men".

Christian Propaganda Against Muslims



Edward Gibbon

English historian and Member of Parliament

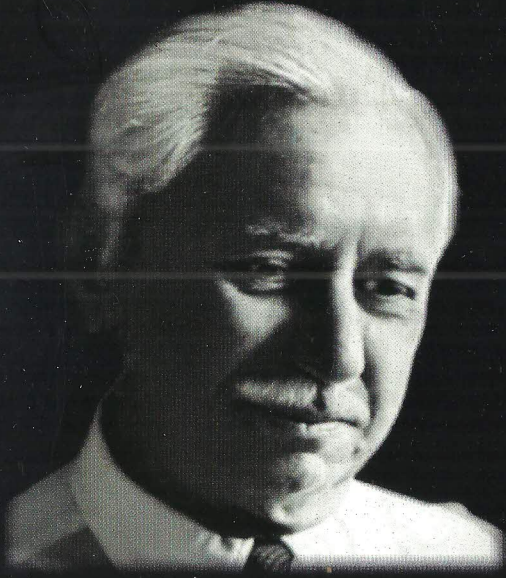
He Succeeded With Moral Force

"The good sense of Mahomet despised the pomp of royalty. The Apostle of God submitted to the menial offices of the family; he kindled the fire; swept the floor; milked the ewes; and mended with his own hands his shoes and garments. Disdaining the penance and merit of a hermit, he observed without effort of vanity the abstemious diet of an Arab."

"The greatest success of Mahomet's life was effected by sheer moral force."

"... 'I believe in One God and Mahomet the Apostle of God' is the simple and invariable profession of Islam. The intellectual image of the Deity has never been degraded by any visible idol; the honors of the prophet have never transgressed the measure of human virtue, and his living precepts have restrained the gratitude of his disciples within the bounds of reason and religion."

The Decline And Fall Of The Roman Empire



William James Durant

A prolific American writer, historian,
and philosopher.

The Most Successful Reformer

"If we judge greatness by influence, he was one of the giants of history. He undertook to raise the spiritual and moral level of a people harassed into barbarism by heat and foodless wastes, and he succeeded more completely than any other reformer seldom has any man so fully realized his dream.... When he began, Arabia was a desert flotsam of idolatrous tribes; when he died it was a nation.

In the year 565 Justinian died, master of a great empire. Five years later Muhammad was born into a poor family in a country three quarters desert, sparsely peopled by nomad tribes whose total wealth could hardly have furnished the sanctuary of St. Sophia. No one in those years would have dreamed that within a century these nomads would conquer half of Byzantine Asia, all Persia and Egypt, most of North Africa, and be on their way to Spain. The explosion of the Arabian Peninsula into the conquest and conversion of half the Mediterranean world is the most extraordinary phenomenon in medieval history."

The Story of Civilization



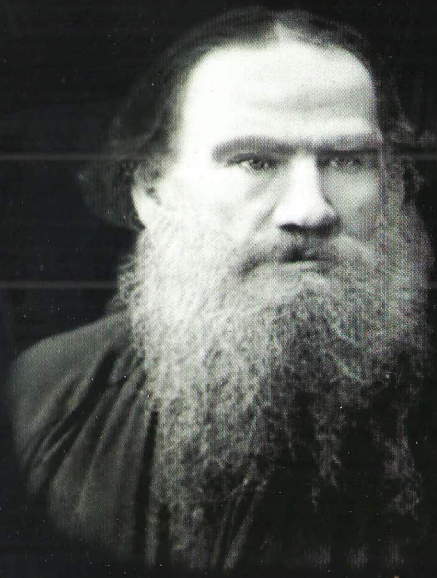
Alfred Martin

American Philosopher and Historian

Greatest Reformer In History

"The Successful prophet - Nor is anything in religion's history more remarkable than the way in which Muhammad fitted his transfiguring ideas in to the existing social system of Arabia. To his everlasting credit it must be said that in lifting to a higher plane of life the communities of his day and place, he achieved that which neither the Judaism nor the Christianity of Medieval Arabia could accomplish. Nay more, in the fulfillment of that civilising work Muhammad rendered invaluable service not only to Arabia but also to the entire world."

The Great Religious Teachers of the East



Leo Tolstoy

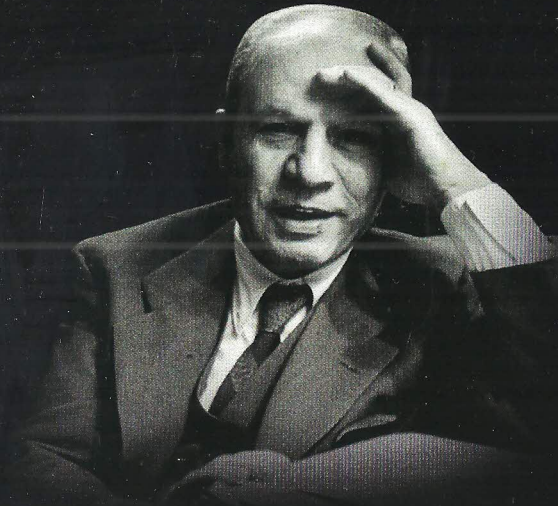
Russian Writer, Thinker and Reformer

Won Enemies' Respect

"I am one of those who are very much impressed by the Prophet Muhammad who was chosen by the One God to have His last message revealed through his soul, heart and mind. He chose him to be the last prophet; hence, no other prophets would come after him. His acknowledgement of the prophets, who had been sent by God before him to produce the global social building for which Muhammad had been sent to complete, is indubitable evidence that he came with Islam to conclude the social building for the entire humanity everywhere."

"There has been no prophet who gained the respect of his enemies save the prophet Muhammad. This is why a lot of them embraced Islam later on. It seems surprising that those who declared themselves enemies of him certainly knew that he was trustworthy and was calling them to the truth; they even respected him in the depth of their hearts, but they concealed this respect for they did not want to be accused of leaving their faiths."

Selected Sayings Of The Prophet



Philip K. Hitti

A Maronite Christian scholar of Islam who introduced the field of Arab Culture Studies to the United States.

Greatest Example Of Simplicity

"Within a brief span of mortal life, Muhammad called forth of unpromising material, a nation, never welded before; in a country that was hitherto but a geographical expression he established a religion which in vast areas surpassed Christianity and Judaism, and laid the basis of an empire that was soon to embrace within its far flung boundaries the fairest provinces the then civilized world"

"Even at the height of his glory Muhammad led, as in his days of obscurity, an unpretentious life in one of those clay houses consisting, as do all old-fashioned houses of present-day Arabia and Syria, of a few rooms opening into a courtyard and accessible only from it. He was often seen mending his own clothes and was at all times within the reach of his people. "

History of the Arabs



Washington Irving

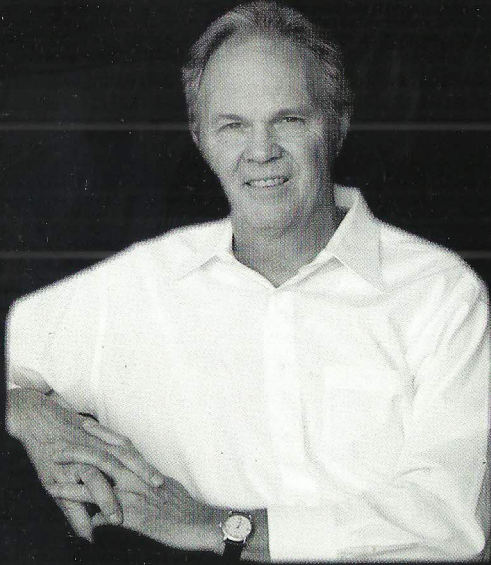
- An American author, biographer and historian.

Humble, Even With Absolute Power

"In his private dealings he was just. He treated friends and strangers, the rich and poor, the powerful and weak, with equity, and was beloved by the common people for the affability with which he received them, and listened to their complaints.

His military triumphs awakened no pride nor vain glory, as they would have done had they been effected for selfish purposes. In the time of his greatest power he maintained the same simplicity of manners and appearance as in the days of his adversity. So far from affecting a regal state, he was displeased if, on entering a room, any unusual testimonials of respect were shown to him. If he aimed at a universal dominion, it was the dominion of faith; as to the temporal rule which grew up in his hands, as he used it without ostentation, so he took no step to perpetuate it in his family."

Mahomet and His Successors



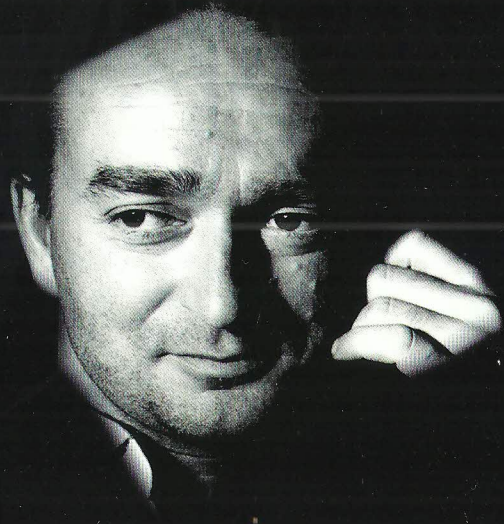
Michael Wolfe

American Poet, Author and Film Maker

Humble, Even At Pinnacle Of Success

"He tells them to be good to each other and not to violate each other's rights. For men and women to treat each other humanely, for brothers and sisters to treat each other well, and for Muslims to treat each other as brothers and sisters. And, perhaps most importantly, he calls an end to revenge, to blood killing, to the vendetta, which has bled this culture terribly since he was born. At the end of Muhammad's sermon, he does not list his achievements. This man has unified people. He has taught them monotheism. He has brought them to peace. And yet, he doesn't mark these as his accomplishments. Quite the opposite, he asks his community, "Have I fulfilled my mission to my God, and to you?" You can hear in his words the desire for a completed mission. This is a man of faith who is unsure of his effects. It's a very human moment in which he needs to know, and he asks, and the people affirm that, yes, three times they say, "Yes, you have fulfilled your mission." ..."

Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet

**Barnaby Rogerson**

Famous British Author, Publisher and Historian

Diverse Facets of Genius In One Person

"Within Islam, he represents almost everything of human value. Muhammad, Prophet of God, the last and the greatest of that long line of men, from Adam through to Abraham, Moses and Jesus, who have struggled to bring the word of God to humankind. Even when viewed in an entirely secular perspective he remains a super hero. He was founder of the caliphate, one of the greatest empires of the world; creator of classical Arabic, a new literature and world language; founder of a new national identity, the Arab; and the Creator of Islam, a worldwide culture that is now 1200 million strong and growing more rapidly than you can count. Only by marrying the best qualities of certain characters from European civilization – a combination, say, of Alexander the Great, Diogenes and Aristotle, or the Emperor Constantine, St. Paul and St. Francis - can you begin to understand the measure of the man."

Prophet Muhammed – A Biography



Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

German writer, painter, biologist, polymath, theoretical physicist. Considered as genius of modern German literature.

The Best Role Model

"Us, Europeans, with all our concepts could not reach what Mohammad has reached, and no one will be able to precede him. I have looked in the history of humanity for an example and found that it was Mohammad, as the truth must be revealed. Indeed, Mohammad succeeded to subdue the entire world to monotheism."

"I have searched throughout history for a role model to man and I found none but the Prophet Mohammad"

Allah's Sun Over The Occident

Rendition of **Mahomets Gesang**

By Sigrid Hunke



Stobart J W H

Founder, Society for Promoting
Christian Knowledge

Superior To All Humans

"Judged by the smallness of the means at his disposal, and the extent and permanence of the work that he accomplished, no name in world's history shines with a more specious luster than that of the Prophet of Mecca. To the impulse, which he gave, numberless dynasties have owed their existence, fair cities and stately palaces and temples have arisen, and wide provinces became obedient to the Faith. And beyond all this, his words have governed the belief of generations, been accepted as their rule of life, and their certain guide to the world to come. At a thousand shrines the voices of the faithful invoke blessings on him, whom they esteem the very Prophet of God, the seal of the Apostles... Judged by the standards to human renown, the glory of what mortal can compare with his?"

Islam and its Founder



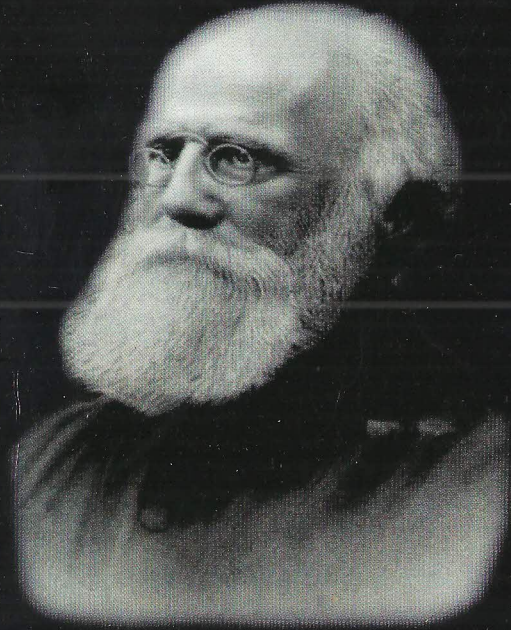
Sir William Muir

Famous 'Hate Islam' scholar and
Scottish colonial administrator

Most Kind And Caring

"A remarkable feature was the urbanity and consideration with which Muhammad treated even the most insignificant of his followers. Modesty and kindness, patience, self denial, and generosity, pervaded his conduct, and riveted the affections of all around him. He disliked to say no. If unable to answer a petitioner in the affirmative, he preferred silence. He was not known ever to refuse an invitation to the house even of the meanest, nor to decline a proffered present however small. He possessed the rare faculty of making each individual in a company think that he was the favoured guest. If he met anyone rejoicing at success he would seize him eagerly and cordially by the hand. With the bereaved and afflicted he sympathised tenderly. Gentle and unbending towards little children, he would not disdain to accost a group of them at play with the salutation of peace. He shared his food, even in times of scarcity, with others, and was sedulously solicitous for the personal comfort of everyone about him. A kindly and benevolent disposition pervaded all those illustrations of his character."

Life of Muhammad



David Samuel Margoliouth

Anglican priest, orientalist, Professor of Arabic at University of Oxford and Author

Compassionate Towards Animals Too

"His humanity extended itself to the lower creation. He forbade the employment of living birds as targets for marksmen and remonstrated with those who ill-treated their camels. When some of his followers had set fire to an anthill he compelled them to extinguish it. Foolish acts of cruelty which were connected with old superstitions were swept away by him (along) with other institutions of paganism.

No more was a dead man's camel to be tied to his tomb to perish of thirst and hunger. No more was the evil eye to be propitiated by the bleeding of a certain proportion of the herd. No more was the rain to be conjured by tying burning torches to the tails of oxen and letting them loose among the cattle. Horses were not to be hit on the cheek, the former being meant by nature for their warmth, and the latter as a protection against flies. Asses were not to be branded or hit on the face. Even the cursing of cocks and camels was discouraged."

Mohammed And The Rise Of Islam



Dr. Gustav Weil

A German Orientalist,
Author and Translator

Benevolent Beyond Limits

"Muhammad was a shining example to his people. His character was pure and stainless. His house, his dress, his food - they were characterized by a rare simplicity. So unpretentious was he that he would receive from his companions no special mark of reverence, nor would he accept any service from his slave which he could do for himself. He was accessible to all and at all times. He visited the sick and was full of sympathy for all. Unlimited was his benevolence and generosity as also was his anxious care for the welfare of the community."

History of the Islamic Peoples



Stanley Lane Poole

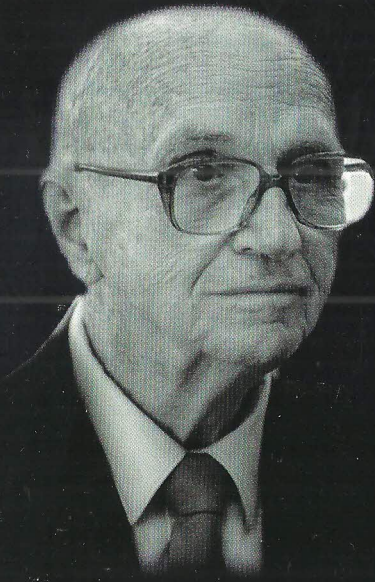
British Orientalist, archaeologist and
professor of Arabic.

Never Struck Anyone In Life

"He was very fond of children; he would stop them in the streets and pat their little heads. He never struck anyone in his life. When asked to curse someone he replied, "I have not been sent to curse, but to be a mercy to mankind ". He visited the sick, followed any bier he met, accepted the invitation of a slave to dinner, mended his own clothes, milked the goats, and waited upon himself, relates summarily another tradition. He never first withdrew his hand out of another man's palm, and turned not before the other man had turned.

He was the most faithful protector of those he protected, the sweetest and most agreeable in conversation. Those who saw him were suddenly filled with reverence; those who came near him loved him; those who described him would say, I have never seen his like either before or after. He was of great taciturnity, but when he spoke it was with emphasis and deliberation and no one could forget what he said."

Speeches and Table Talk of the Prophet Muhammad



James Albert Michener

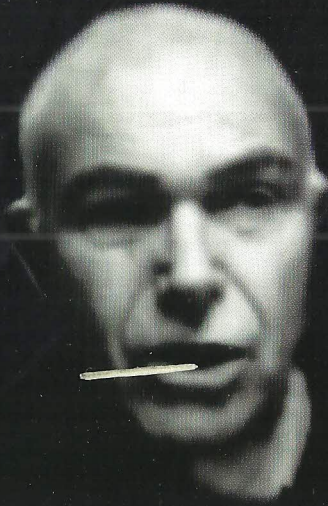
An American author of
more than 40 titles

Nipped Superstitions

"In all things Muhammad was profoundly practical. When his beloved son Ibrahim died, an eclipse occurred and rumors of God's personal condolence quickly arose. Whereupon Muhammad is said to have announced, 'An eclipse is a phenomenon of nature. It is foolish to attribute such things to the death or birth of a human being.'"

"Like almost every major prophet before him, Muhammad fought shy of serving as the transmitter of God's word sensing his own inadequacy. But the Angel commanded 'Read'. So far as we know, Muhammad was unable to read or write, but he began to dictate those inspired words which would soon revolutionize a large segment of the earth: "There is one God'."

Islam: The Misunderstood Religion



Professor Alfred Kroner

Professor of Geology at Johannes Gutenberg
University, Germany

Spoke Amazing Scientific Facts

"Thinking about many of these questions and thinking where Muhammad came from, he was after all a Bedouin. I think it is almost impossible that he could have known about things like the common origin of the universe, because scientists have only found out within the last few years with very complicated and advanced technological methods that this is the case."

"Somebody who did not know something about nuclear physics 1400 years ago could not, I think, be in a position to find out from his own mind for instance that the earth and the heavens had the same origin, or many others of the questions that we have discussed here."

Documentary:
"The Truth"



John Dayenport.

An English puritan clergyman and co-founder of the American Colony of New Haven.

Impartial Minds Trust Muhammed^{pbuh}

"About this period of Mohammed's history, an event occurred which, in the opinion of every candid and impartial mind, exonerates him from all the imputations of imposture with which he is assailed. When his only son, Ibrahim, whom he had by Mariyeh died... it was, indeed, an agonizing loss for the father thus to see extinguished in him the only one who could transmit to posterity so illustrious a name. An eclipse of the sun occurred precisely at the very hour of the youth's decease, the common people saw in this prodigy a sure token that the heavens themselves shared the general grief; but far from encouraging this superstitious feeling on the part of his ignorant followers - far from listening to the voice of flattery - Mohammed called the people together and said to them, 'Fellow citizens, the sun and the stars are the works of God's hands, but they are neither eclipsed nor effaced to announce the birth or the death of mortals.'"

An apology for Mohammed and the Koran



Dr. Maurice Bucaille

• French surgeon, scientist, scholar and author

He Conveyed God's Revelation

"The ideas in this study are developed from a purely scientific point of view. They lead to the conclusion that it is inconceivable for a human being living in the Seventh century A.D. to have made statements in the Qur'an on a great variety of subjects that do not belong to his period and for them to be in keeping with what was to be known only centuries later. For me, there can be no human explanation to the Qur'an.

In view of the level of knowledge in Muhammad's day, it is inconceivable that many of the statements in the Qur'an which are connected with science could have been the work of a man. It is, moreover, perfectly legitimate, not only to regard the Qur'an as the expression of a Revelation, but also to award it a very special place, on account of the guarantee of authenticity it provides and the presence in it of scientific statements which, when studied today, appear as a challenge to explanation in human terms."

The Bible, The Qur'an and Science



Dr. E. Marshall Johnson

American Professor Emeritus of Anatomy and Developmental Biology at Thomas Jefferson University, USA and author of more than 200 publications.

He Spoke By Divine Inspiration

"The Quran describes not only the development of external form, but emphasizes also the internal stages, the stages inside the embryo, of its creation and development, emphasizing major events recognized by contemporary science."

"As a scientist, I can only deal with things which I can specifically see. I can understand embryology and developmental biology. I can understand the words that are translated to me from the Quran. If I were to transpose myself into that era, knowing what I knew today and describing things, I could not describe the things which were described. I see no evidence for the fact to refute the concept that this individual, Muhammad, had to be developing this information from some place. So I see nothing here in conflict with the concept that divine intervention was involved in what he was able to say."

Documentary:
"The Truth"



Dr. Keith L. Moore

Canadian Professor and Chairman of
Dept of Anatomy, University of Toronto.

He Is God's Prophet

Qur'an says... "Certainly We created man of an extract of clay, then We made him a small drop in a firm resting-place, then We made the drop a clot, then We made the clot a lump of flesh, then We made bones in the lump of flesh, then We clothed the bones with flesh, then We caused it to grow into another creation, so blessed be Allah, the best to create..."

"I was amazed at the scientific accuracy of these statements which were made in the 7th century A.D."

"It is clear to me that these statements must have come to Muhammad from God, or Allah, because most of this knowledge was not discovered until many centuries later. This proves to me that Muhammad must have been a messenger of God, or Allah."

Embryology in the Koran and the Hadith



Dr. T. V. N. Persaud

Canadian Author, Professor and Chairman
of Dept of Anatomy University
of Manitoba, Canada.

He Conveyed Divine Inspiration

"The way it was explained to me is that Muhammad was a very ordinary man. He could not read, didn't know [how] to write. In fact, he was an illiterate. And we're talking about twelve [actually about fourteen] hundred years ago. You have someone illiterate making profound pronouncements and statements and that are amazingly accurate about scientific nature. And I personally can't see how this could be a mere chance. There are too many accuracies and, like Dr. Moore, I have no difficulty in my mind that this is a divine inspiration or revelation which led him to these statements."

Documentary:
"The Truth"



Professor Tejatat Tejasen

Chairman of Department of Anatomy at
Chiang Mai University, Thailand.

A True Prophet Of God

"During the last three years, I became interested in the Quran... From my study and what I have learned from this conference, I believe that everything that has been recorded in the Quran fourteen hundred years ago must be the truth that can be proved by the scientific means. Since the Prophet Muhammad could neither read nor write, Muhammad must be a messenger who relayed this truth, which was revealed to him as an enlightenment by the one who is eligible [as the] creator. This creator must be God. Therefore, I think this is the time to say there is no god to worship except Allah (God), Muhammad is Messenger (Prophet) of Allah (God)... The most precious thing of all that I have gained by coming to this place is La ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadur rasoolu Allah, and to have become a Muslim."

*Videographed Statement:
Saudi Medical Conference - VIII*



Michael H. Hart

An American astrophysicist and
historian

Most Influential Person In History

"My choice of Muhammad to lead the list of the world's most influential persons may surprise some readers and may be questioned by others, but he was the only man in history who was supremely successful on both the secular and religious levels ...It is probable that the relative influence of Muhammad on Islam has been larger than the combined influence of Jesus Christ and St. Paul on Christianity... It is this unparalleled combination of secular and religious influence which I feel entitles Muhammad to be considered the most influential single figure in human history".

The 100

A Ranking of the Most Influential Persons in History



Pringle Kennedy

British Historian, Barrister and Author

Greatly Influenced The World

"To those of us, to whom the man is everything, the milieu but little, he is the supreme instance of what can be done by one man. Even others, who hold that the conditions of time and place, the surroundings of every sort, the capacity of receptivity of the human mind, have, more than an individual effort, brought about the great steps in the world's history, cannot well deny, that even if this step were to come, without Muhammad, it would have been indefinitely delayed.

Whatever the opinion one may have of this extraordinary man, whether it be that of the devout Muslim who considers him the last and greatest herald of God's word, or of the fanatical Christian of former days, who considered him an emissary of the Evil One... there can be no difference as to the immensity of the effect which his life has had on the history of the world."

Arabian Society at the Time of Muhammad



J H Denison

American Psychologist and
author on Personality Development

He Saved World Civilisation

"In the fifth and sixth centuries, the civilised world stood on the verge of chaos. The old emotional cultures that had made civilisation possible, since they had given to man a sense of unity and of reverence for their rulers, had broken down, and nothing had been found adequate to take their place... It seemed then that the great civilisation which had taken four thousand years to construct was on the verge of disintegration, and that mankind was likely to return to that condition of barbarism where every tribe and sect was against the next, and law and order were unknown. The new sanctions created by Christianity were creating divisions and destruction instead of unity and order Was there any emotional culture that could be brought in to gather mankind once more to unity and to save civilisation? It was among the Arabs that the man was born who was to unite the whole known world of the east and south."

Emotions as the Basis of Civilisation



James George Roche Forlong

Chief Engineer to the government of Oudh,
A Major General of the Indian Army and
Honorary Associate of
The Rationalist Press Association.

Greatest Maker Of World History

"The Virtuous Prophet, after a long, very full and candid study of the great Arabian and his faith, his public and private character, virtues and defects; his times and circumstances – a study extending over forty years and in close connection with Muhammadans of all sects and nations, we must confess that the Prophet stands high in the list of the greatest of the Earth's rulers and makers of History... Alike in camp and council, as a governor of men, administrator and organiser of brave and turbulent tribes or settled nations. Muhammad commanded the respect of statesmen, friends and foes, and was loved, honored and esteemed by all privileged to know him privately and publicly."

Short Studies in the Science of Comparative Religions



Jules Masserman
American Psychoanalyst

Greatest Leader Of All Times

"Leaders must fulfill three functions - - - provide for the well-being of the led, provide a social organization in which people feel relatively secure, and provide them with one set of beliefs. People like Pasteur and Salk are leaders in the first sense. People like Gandhi and Confucius, on one hand, and Alexander, Caesar and Hitler on the other, are leaders in the second and perhaps the third sense. Jesus and Buddha belong in the third category alone. Perhaps the greatest leader of all times was Mohammad, who combined all three functions. To a lesser degree Moses did the same."

Who Were History's Greatest Leaders?



Dr. Arthur Bertherand

French Medical Scientist and Author

Created Civilisations Through Education

"... "To seek knowledge is a duty of every Muslim man and woman." ... "Seek knowledge even though it be in China." ... "The savants are the heirs of the Prophets." ... These profound words of the great reformer are an indisputable contradiction to those who seek and exert themselves in putting the responsibility of the intellectual degradation of Muslims upon the spirit of the Quran. Let them read and meditate upon this great Book and they will read that the Prophet incessantly called the attention and the meditation of his people to the splendid marvels, to the mysterious phenomenon of creation. The incredulous, skeptical and unbelieving may convince themselves that the importance of this Book and its doctrine was not to throw back, eventually, the intellectual and moral faculties of a whole people. On the contrary, those who have followed its counsels have been, as we have described in the course of this study, the creators of a civilisation which is astounding unto this day".

Arab Contribution To Progress Of Medical Science

Endeavoured To Unite Humanity

"The league of nations founded by the prophet of Islam put the principle of international unity and human brotherhood on such universal foundations as to show candle to other nations... The fact is that no nation of the world can show a parallel to what Islam has done towards the realization of the idea of the League of Nations.

The world has not hesitated to raise to divinity, individuals whose lives and missions have been lost in legend. Historically speaking, none of these legends achieved even a fraction of what Muhammad accomplished. And all his striving was for the sole purpose of uniting mankind for the worship of One God on the codes of moral excellence. Muhammad or his followers never at any time claimed that he was a Son of God or the God-incarnate or a man with divinity – but he always was and is even today considered as only a Messenger chosen by God."

Where Christian and Mohammedan Meet



Christiaan Snouck Hurgronje

Dutch Professor, Author, Historian And
Advisor To The Colonial Government
To Indonesia



Major Arthur Glyn Leonard

British Military Expert, Author and
Historian

None Found God, Except Muhammed ^{pbuh}

"If ever any man on this earth has found God; if ever any man has devoted his life for the sake of God with a pure and holy zeal then, without doubt, and most certainly that man was the Holy Prophet of Arabia."

"It was the genius of Mohammed, the spirit that he breathed into the Arabs through the soul of Islam that exalted them. That raised them out of the lethargy and low level of tribal stagnation up to the high watermark of national unity and empire. It was in the sublimity of Mohammed's deism, the simplicity, the sobriety and purity it inculcated the fidelity of its founder to his own tenets that acted on their moral and intellectual fiber with all the magnetism of true inspiration."

"An Arab by accident of birth he put God and nature before everything. It was this that made him a humanist; this placed him before his age. For Mohammed without a shadow of doubt was centuries before his age."

Islam, Her Moral and Spiritual Value

The Farewell Sermon of Prophet Muhammed ^{pbuh}

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After praising and thanking Allah, he said:

"O People, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and take these words to those who could not be present here today.

O People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your LORD, and that HE will indeed reckon your deeds. ALLAH has forbidden you to take usury (interest), therefore all interest obligation shall henceforth be waived. Your capital, however, is yours to keep. You will neither inflict nor suffer any inequity. Allah has Judged that there shall be no interest and that all the interest due to Abbas ibn 'Abdal Muttalib (Prophet's uncle) shall henceforth be waived...

Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.

O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. Remember that you have taken them as your wives only under Allah's trust and with His permission. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness.

Do treat your women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friends with any one of whom you do not approve, as well as never to be unchaste.

O People, listen to me in earnest, worship Allah, say your five daily prayers (Salah), fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth in Zakat. Perform Hajj if you can afford to.

All mankind is from Adam and Eve, an Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over black nor a black has any superiority over white except by piety and good action. Learn that every Muslim is a brother to every Muslim and that the Muslims constitute one brotherhood. Nothing shall be legitimate to a Muslim which belongs to a fellow Muslim unless it was given freely and willingly. Do not, therefore, do injustice to yourselves.

Remember, one day you will appear before Allah and answer your deeds. So beware, do not stray from the path of righteousness after I am gone.

O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me and no new faith will be born. Reason well, therefore, O People, and understand words which I convey to you. I leave behind me two things, the Qur'an and my example, the Sunnah, and if you follow these you will never go astray.

All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness, O Allah, that I have conveyed your message to your people".

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